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SUBJECT: NIGERIAN VISIT OF TOGOLESE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

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1. A THREE-MAN MINISTERIAL MISSION LED BY TOGOLESE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS KODJO VISITED LAGOS ON JUNE 26 AND DELIVERED TO LT. GEN. OBASANJO A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT EYADEMA OF TOGO. THE DELEGATION INCLUDED MINISTER FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT GNRONFOUN AND MINISTER FOR PLANNING DOGO.

2. THE FMG PRESS RELEASE ON THE VISIT SAID THAT OBASANJO, DURING THE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON AFRICAN AFFAIRS, "REAFFIRMED THAT NIGERIA WAS AGAINST FOREIGN INTERVENTION IN THE CONTINENT EITHER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY THROUGH MILITARY FORCE. THE HEAD OF STATE STRESSED THAT AFRICA SHOULD NEVER ALLOW SUCH A SITUATION TO DEVELOP. LT. GEN. OBASANJO FURTHER EMPHASIZED THAT NIGERIA WAS NOT IN FAVOR OF ANY FOREIGN TROOPS ON AFRICAN SOIL. THESE VIEWS, THE HEAD
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OS STATE DISCLOSED, HAD BEEN BROUGHT TO THE NOTICE OF ALL THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED.

3. DR. FAFOWARA, DEPUTY HEAD OF MEA'S AFRICA DEPARTMENT, TOLD THE CHARGE JUNE 29 THAT A MAJOR SUBJECT OF THE VISIT HAD BEEN THE POOR RELATIONS WHICH HAVE EXISTED BETWEEN TOGO AND GHANA. THE GOVERNMENT OF TOGO

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HAD CLOSED THE GHANAIAN COMMERICAL BANK
ABOUT TWO MONTHS AGO AND THE FMG HAS TRIED TO MEDIATE
IN THE SITUATION. THE MINISTERIAL MISSION INFORMED
OBASANJO THAT A REOPENING OF THE BANK ON JULY 1 HAD
NOW BEEN AGREED UPON.

4. FAFOWARA SAID THAT THE VISIT HAD ALSO INVOLVED
SOME DISCUSSION OF ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN TOGO
AND NIGERIA. HE ADDED THAT THE TOGOLESE MINISTER
OF EXTENRAL AFFAIRS IS A CANDIDATE FOR THE POSITION
OF OAU ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY GENERAL.
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